

# An Exact Account of the most Remarkable Fires which have hap

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In the Year One Thousand Ninety Eight, Five Hundred Sixty Seven Years since, and in the Eleventh Year of *William* the Second, called *Rufus*, for the space of fifteen dayes, great Flames of Fire were in several Places, and at sundry times seen, to the great Amazement of the Spectators.

In the Time of *Henry* the First, which was in the Year One Thousand One Hundred, Five Hundred Sixty Two Years agoe, the Earth on a suddain discharged it self of horrid Flames, which by the Art of Man, could not be suppressed. Soon after *Chichester*, with the Principal Monastery was Burnt to the Ground. Immediately after that, from *West-Cheap* to *Aldgate* in *London*, a Long Tract of Buildings was consumed by the merciless Element of Fire; and least it should be charged with any partiality, *Worcester*, *Rochester*, *Winchester*, *Glocester*, *Bathe*, *Lincoln*, *Peter-borough*, with other Places, did share in the like Calamity of their Metropolis.

In the Seventh Year of King *Henry* the Second, One Thousand One Hundred Sixty One, about Four Hundred Seventy Eight Years since, at *Osyttes*, in *Essex*, was seen a very Great Fiery Dragon, which in its motion Burned severall Houses, if we dare credit Sir *Richard Baker* in his Chronicle. In the same Year, almost the whole City of *Canterbury* was Burnt down. On the Twenty Fourth of his Reign, the City of *TORK* was Burnt. In his Eight and Twentieth Year, *Barnwell* near *Cambridge*, with the Priory was Burnt: not long after *Chichester* was Totally consumed by Fire. In the same Kings Reign, in the Year One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight, the Town of *Beverly* was Burnt, with *St. John's Church*.

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On Sunday Morning between one and two of the Clock, it being the Second of *September*, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six, this much talk'd of, a Prodigious Year, a Fire brake out in a Bakers House in *Pudding-Lane*, which had by Twelve at Noon, so strengthened its Force, by too too many unhappy advantages; As drought of the Season, rotten Houses, Pitch, Tar, Oyle, and other Combustible Matter, that all Endeavours prov'd ineffectual in the Construction of its irresistable Power. It ran with that impetuosity (dilating itself) that soon *New-Fish-Street*, the *Bridge*, and a great part of *Thames Street* were all in flames; The People all amazed, and despairing, to put a stop to the fury, gave it leave to act its Tyranny, which it did almost Universally through the Whole City. This Sacrilegious fire, as it had no mercy on Private Houses, so it took no pity on Churches, Hospitalls, Halls, the Exchange; nay *St. Pauls* must once more be made a burning Sacrifice to its fury. But I must desist, for this fires true Description, will take up more room, then the narrow limits of a Sheet, nay more.

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